

THE ROLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN DEALING WITH SOLID WASTE IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT OF THOHOYANDOU

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“Hope is believing despite the evidence
and then watching the evidence change.”

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SUMMARY

The aim of this study was to explore the role of environmental education in dealing with solid waste in the Central Business District of Thohoyandou.

The study was carried out in the Thohoyandou Central Business District (CBD). Two organisations were identified as practising environmental education in Thohoyandou, namely, the Environmental Education Desk (Environmental Affairs) and the Environmental Health Services (Thulamela Municipality). Officers from these organisations were interviewed.

Vendors and hawkers in the Thohoyandou Central Business District were asked to complete a questionnaire on the role of environmental education in dealing with solid waste.

The literature review in the study included the theoretical perspectives on environmental education and solid waste. From this review that solid waste can have both a positive and negative impact on the local and global environment.

Therefore, environmental education that has a role in dealing with solid waste has an important part to play in sustainable development.

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